Test Fire of Akash

142. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India successfully test fired the Akash surface to air nuclear capable missile for the third consecutive day on December 15, 2007 from the Chandipur Integrated Test Range;

(b) if so, the degree of accuracy achieved therein; and

(c) how far India still remains from developing its own missile defence system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes Sir. However, Akash is not nuclear capable missile, it is having conventional warhead for engaging aircraft targets.

(b) The accuracy was within the acceptable limits of lethality. The missile has also destroyed the target in subsequent tests.

(c) Technology elements like Radar, Interceptor & Mission Control Center have been developed. Two flight tests, one in exo-atmosphere and the other in endo-atmosphere in interception mode, have been conducted during 2006 and 2007.

Employees in Defence Production Units

143. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent employees working in defence production units and allied services as on 31st March, 2007 unit-wise break-up thereof; and

(b) the number of contract/casual/contingency workers working in these units as on 31st March, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Unit-wise number of employees working in Defence production units and allied services as on 31st March, 2007

Sl. No.	Name of Defence Production Units and allied services	No. of Permanent Employees	No. of contract/casual/ contingency workers
1	2	3	4
1.	Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)	111762	7419